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Located in Exhibit Hall

OCCC — Registration

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SAT	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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HYATT REGENCY — Registration

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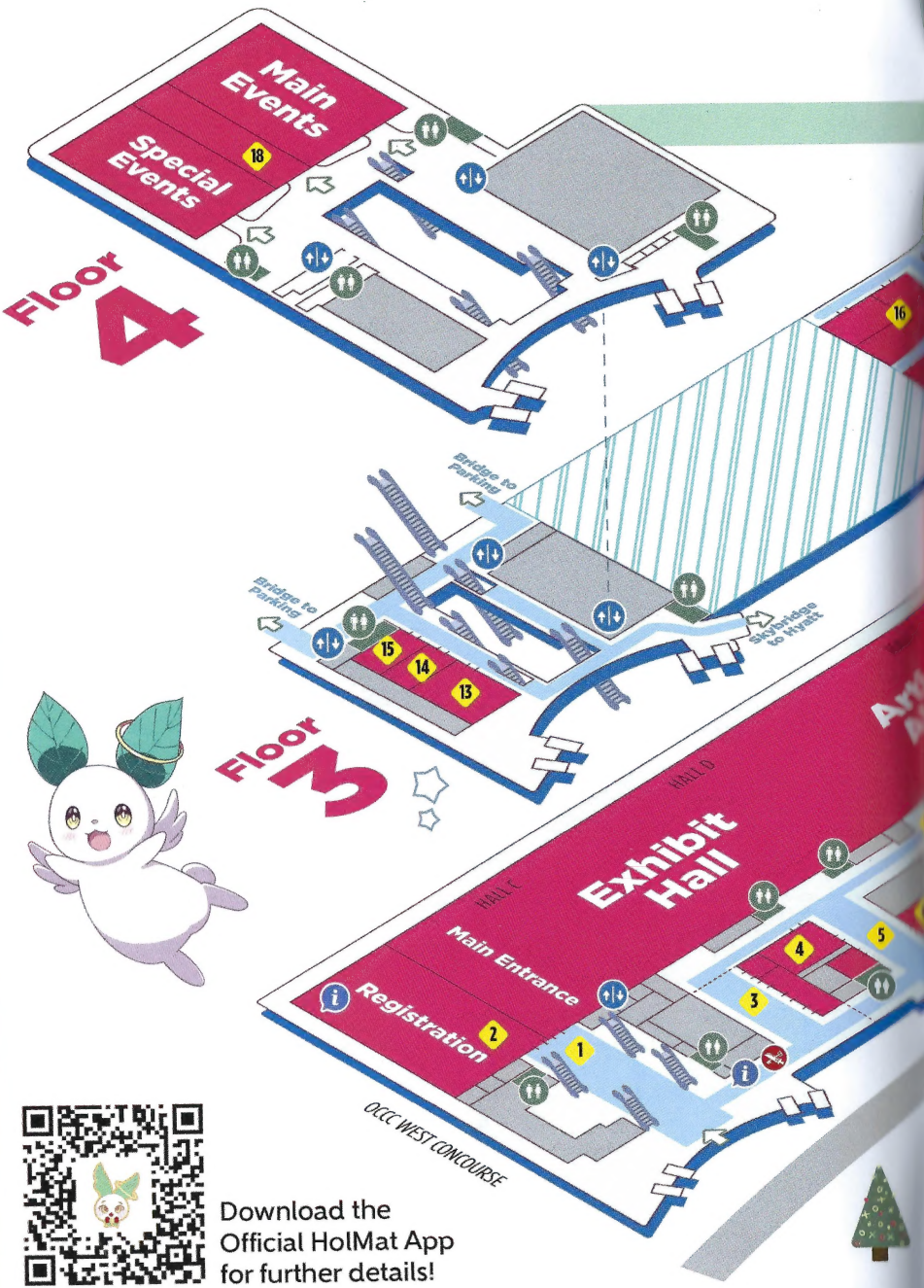

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Holiday Matsuri

INCLUSIVITY & ACCESSIBILITY

The HolMat ADA Deptartment provides a variety of offerings, from a secluded space for religious needs to ear plugs for the shows! We're here to make sure everyone has a great time at Holiday Matsuri!

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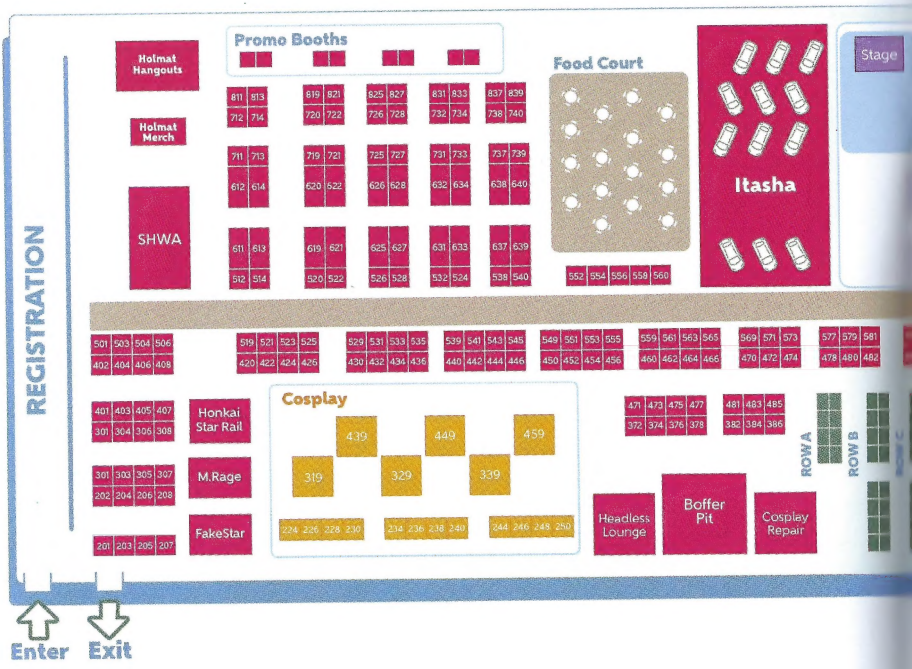

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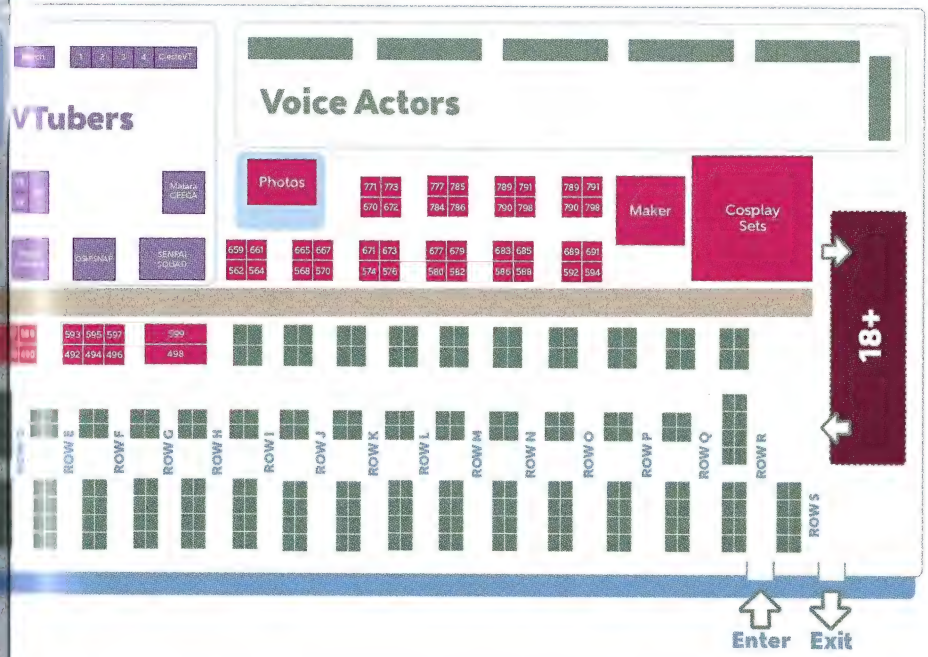

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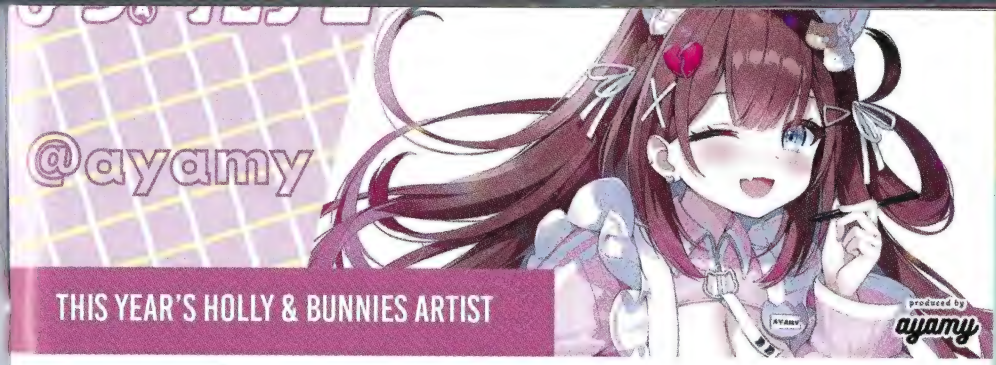

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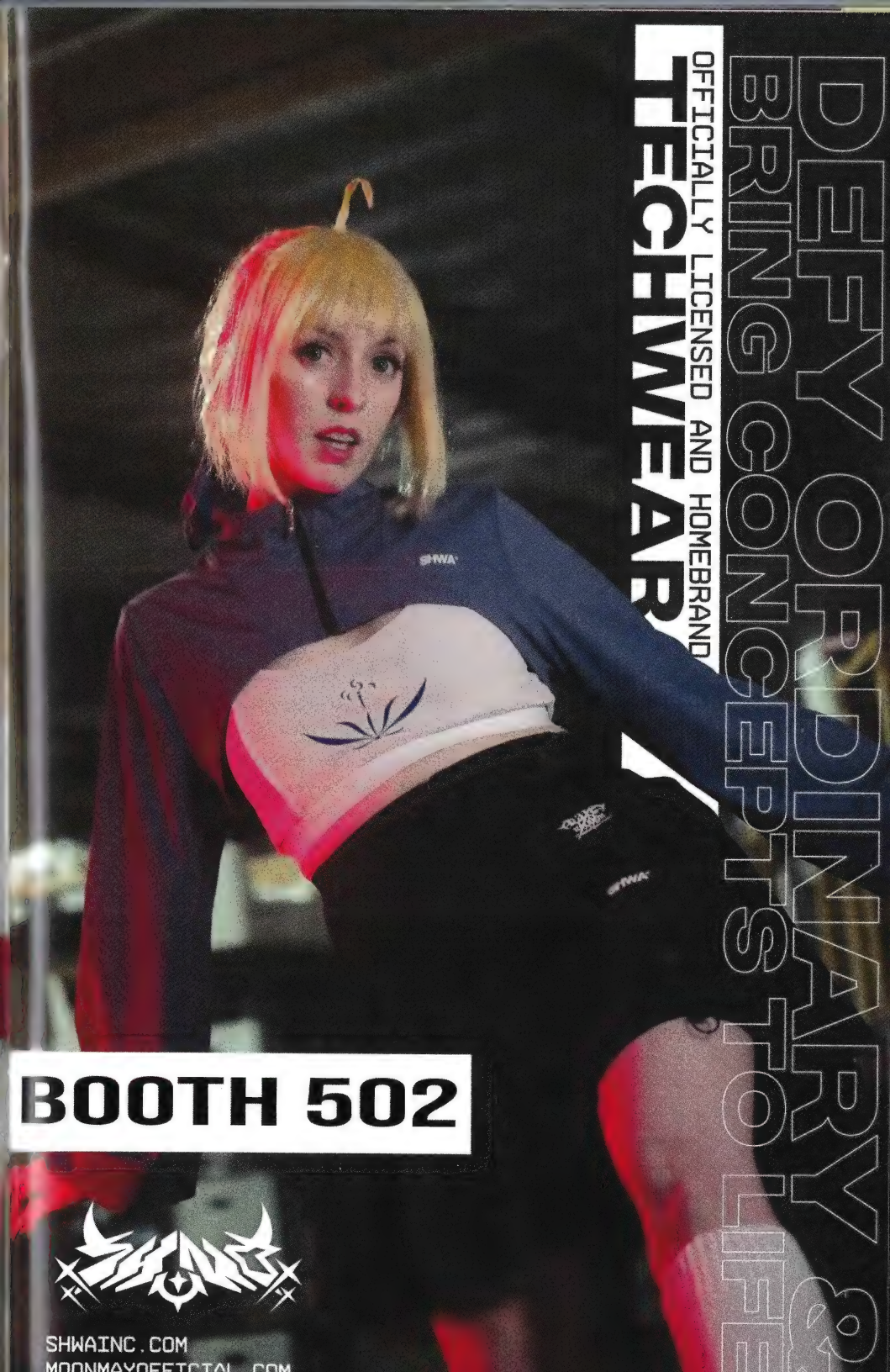
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VOICE ACTORS

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MARY ELIZABETH McGLYNN

Mary Elizabeth McGlynn is an Emmy nominated voice over director and American Anime Award winning actor of original animation and foreign dubbing.

JULIA | MAJOR KUSANAGI | NINA WILLIAMS | ZAHRA

WENDEE LEE

Wendee Lee has been a premiere voice artist of legend for 4+ decades. She is a veteran actress, singer, voice director and casting director with over 600 credits.

FAYE VALENTINE | HARUHI SUZUMIYA | YORUICHI | T.K.

BEAU BILLINGSLEA

Beau Billingslea has voiced many characters in several animated shows and video games. A proud US army veteran, Beau's talents have been enjoyed for years.

JET BLACK | BARRET WALLACE | OGREMON | LEROY SMITH

MELISSA FAHN

Melissa Fahn is an internationally renowned voiceover artist and stage and film performer. Melissa has voiced hundreds of characters, and even performed in Wicked.

EDWARD | GAZ | BETTY BOOP | TACHIKOMA

VOICE ACTORS

BRIANA WHITE

Briana is a professional actress and content creator. She has succeeded in all world of performing, with credits such a Popstar: Never Stop Stopping (Apatow Productions, Andy Samberg).

AERITH

BILL BUTTS

Bill is an African American voice and film actor, martial artist, and fitness enthusiast! He studied journalism and theater in college which would lead him to a life in radio, theater, on camera, as well as voice over.

CAPTAIN JACK | REGGIE | OWLBERT | OBAMA

AARON CAMPBELL

Aaron Campbell is a prolific voice actor for Crunchyroll, featured in over 200 titles. He also works as an Assistant Director on major anime productions.

MAJIN DUU | PEROSPERO | JINGO RAICHI | MUKODA

LEAH CLARK

Leah Clark is a voice actor and writer most known for her works at Funimation and Crunchyroll. She also studied Acting and Music Theatre at Circle in the Square conservatory in NYC.

BULMA | TOGA | KOBAYASHI | MAVIS

DAVID ERRIGO JR.

David Errigo Jr. counts himself lucky to be doing exactly what he wants to be doing. An emmy-nominated actor known as a utility character performer in animated and interactive projects.

FERB | PLUCKY DUCK | RANMA | OSWALD

RICCO FAJARDO

Ricco is an actor whose performances have been seen in many ways: on stage, film, commercials, industrials, voice-over, animation, motion-capture- if it involves the body and voice, he's done it!

MIRIO | TATSUMI | TAIJU | BENIMARU

AARON DISMUKE

Aaron Dismuke is a full-time actor who has accrued 20+ years of experience in the dubbing industry since his first-ever role in Fruits Baskets when he was 9.

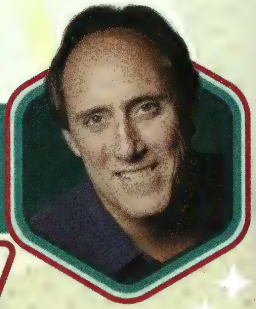
ALPHONSE ELRIC | DR. STONE | LUCIFER | OSCAR PINE

DREW BREEDLOVE

Drew Breedlove is a Texas-based actor who has been a professional in the entertainment industry for nearly a decade. You can hear him scattered throughout over eighty different anime and games.

BACHIRA | MITSUKI KIRYU | OLIVER HORN | YUKE FELDIO

KIRK THORTON



Kirk Thornton, the voice of Shadow the Hedgehog, had a solid career in theatre, film, and TV before discovering voice acting. Directors recognized his talent for dubbing.

SHADOW | KISAME | KLEIN | DON PATCH

JONAH SCOTT

Jonah Scott is a Voice Actor, Singer and VTuber from LA. When he's not behind the mic, he is streaming as his Rockstar VTuber alter ego, Alphonse MacKenzie and making original music!

LEGOSHI | AIDEN CALDWELL | TATSU | OLIVER AIKU

LENORE ZANN

Award-winning actress Lenore Zann is the voice of Rogue in Marvel's hit show X-Men. Lenore is also a former-elected politician in the Parliament of Canada (for four terms).

ROGUE | TIGRA | WENDY WATERS | AISHA CLAN-CLAN

ROSS MARQUAND

Ross Marquand is an American actor native to Denver. Upon receiving his BFA in Theatre from the University of Colorado he moved to LA and quickly garnered attention in various film and TV projects.

THE IMMORTAL | ROBOT | RED SKULL | PROFESSOR X

SALLY AMAKI

Sally Amaki is an English/Japanese bilingual voice actress and idol performer based in Tokyo. Originally born in the US, she moved to Japan to pursue a career in entertainment, primarily as a voice actress.

KIRIKO | CAROL OLSTON | AKUBI | PENI PARKER

CHISA KIMURA

Chisa Kimura is a voice actress and singer from Japan, originally from Hyogo Prefecture. She is most well known for her role as Daiwa Scarlet in Uma Musume Pretty Derby, a role she has played since 2017.

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We build portable kiosks called "GO Karts" (Gamers Outreach Karts). Each Kart is equipped with a gaming console, monitor, controllers, and games.

PLAYER 2

Player 2 focuses on creating volunteer opportunities. While volunteering, gamers help solve minor tech support problems, distribute equipment, and play games with patients.

SAVE POINT

Save Points are high-tech vending machines that serve as a reward distribution hub in hospitals. They are stocked with toys, game codes and fun swag items from industry partners.

As kids visit a hospital and progress through treatment, they're able to visit a Save Point collecting free gear and loot.

SPECIAL GUESTS

MUSIC GUESTS

KOTONOHOUSE

DJ | MUSIC PRODUCER

KOTONOHOUSE is a trackmaker/DJ/music producer who started his music career in 2016. Known for his unique sound influenced by anime and video games.

NEO NAKANO

MUSIC GUEST | PRODUCED BY 15STYLE

Led by Ichigo Rinahamu, the group unfolds a unique worldview where games and kawaii meet, set in the futuristic city of Neo-Nakano Area.

TAKU TAKAHASHI

DJ | MUSIC PRODUCER

Taku Takahashi launched his career in 1998 as the DJ/Producer of the J-pop music group "m-flo." He has remixed music for prominent artists such as Utada Hikaru.

PAiDA

MUSIC GUEST | POP IDOL

Dystopia-pop idol PAiDA is a fever dream of an artist that has performed across America, Japan, Australia, and soon the entire world with only one mission: saving the Earth... with cute music!

VILLAINOUS VOICE ACTORS

CINDY ELIZ

VOICE ACTOR

Cindy Eliz is a voice actress, singer, and dubbing producer best known as the English voice of Demencia in Villainous.

KATE DOMENECH

VOICE ACTOR

Kate Domènech is a Hispanic voice actress and artistic director most well-known for being the English voice of Miss Heed in Villainous.

PATRICIA AZAN

VOICE ACTOR

Patricia Azan is a Hispanic voice actress with over 20 years of experience across all mediums of voiceover.

YENNI ANN

VOICE ACTOR

Yenni Ann is a first generation Cuban-American Voice Actor and Narrator. Her most notable role in animation includes G-Lo in Villainous.

SYDNEY OSMAN

VOICE ACTOR

Sydney is a voice actor, stage actor, singer, and dancer from Florida. You may know them as the voice of Melissa Lead in Villainous.

FASHION GUESTS

HARUKA KUREBAYASHI

FASHION IDOL

A Harajuku-based creator who spreads the culture of Kawaii, including her "Kurechan" YouTube channel, featuring colorful makeup and designs.

6%DOKIDOKI

FASHION BRAND, FOUNDED BY SEBASTIAN MATSUDA

Founded in 1995, 6%DOKIDOKI is a Harajuku-based brand that embodies the concept of "Sensational Kawaii" a celebration of delightful fashion!

GHOST GIRL GOODS

FASHION BRAND

Hailing from Toronto, Canada, this kawaii clothing brand is spreading its unique message: "BE STRANGE. FEAR THE NORM." Embrace your true colors!

HOSTS

PATRICK BUBBLEPOP

HOST | ACTOR | SINGER | DANCER

Patrick is a professional actor/singer/dancer/hot mess based right here in Orlando. A previous "Hottest Men in Anime" winner, he is excited to return to Holmat!

STRIPPER VASH & VOLTZ

HOSTS | IT'S THOSE GUYS

Cosplayers/hosts, known for being "those sort-of funny guys between the skits." They're excited to return to HolMat, this time with more pants!

PATTY HAWKINS

HOST | ACTOR | OTAKU

Patty Hawkins is an old school otaku who has hosted over 1,500 convention celebrities on physical and virtual stages across a multitude of platforms.

CRH PRODUCTIONS

PRODUCTION CREW | BURLESQUE

Since 2009 CRH has been Florida's most eclectic acting troup. Their specialties include burlesque, fight shows, interactive events, and aerialist shows.

FEATURED COSPLAY GUESTS

YAYA HAN

Yaya Han is a cosplayer, designer and author with more than 20 years of activity in the fandom world.

Yaya has made over 400 costumes, been featured in two US Network TV Shows and countless magazines, books, newspapers and online media outlets. She also appears as a guest and speaker at hundreds of events all over the globe.

Yaya is the first cosplayer to bring branded cosplay-focused sewing and crafting products to the mass retail market.

She is also the first to chronicle a cosplayer's life story and the evolution of modern cosplay culture in the book, "Yaya Han's World of Cosplay".

ISILIELMOON

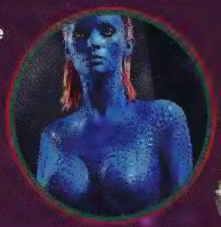
Isiliel Moon is a diverse Spanish cosplayer. She has won several competitions in Spain since 2008.

Isiliel Moon's work reflects her interest in blending traditional craftsmanship with modern materials. Her talents allow her to represent the style of the Spanish cosplay scene while honing her craft.

ALYSON TABBITHA

Alyson is an Artist from Florida, whom you may know from her viral transformation posts. She has experience in many different mediums such as makeup, costume design, modeling, acting & much more.

Cosplaying since 2014, she has become a prominent name in the cosplay community. Including being featured on the cover of a national newspaper, countless news articles and TV mentions, celebrity recognition, and having the opportunity to work with some of the world's largest brands.



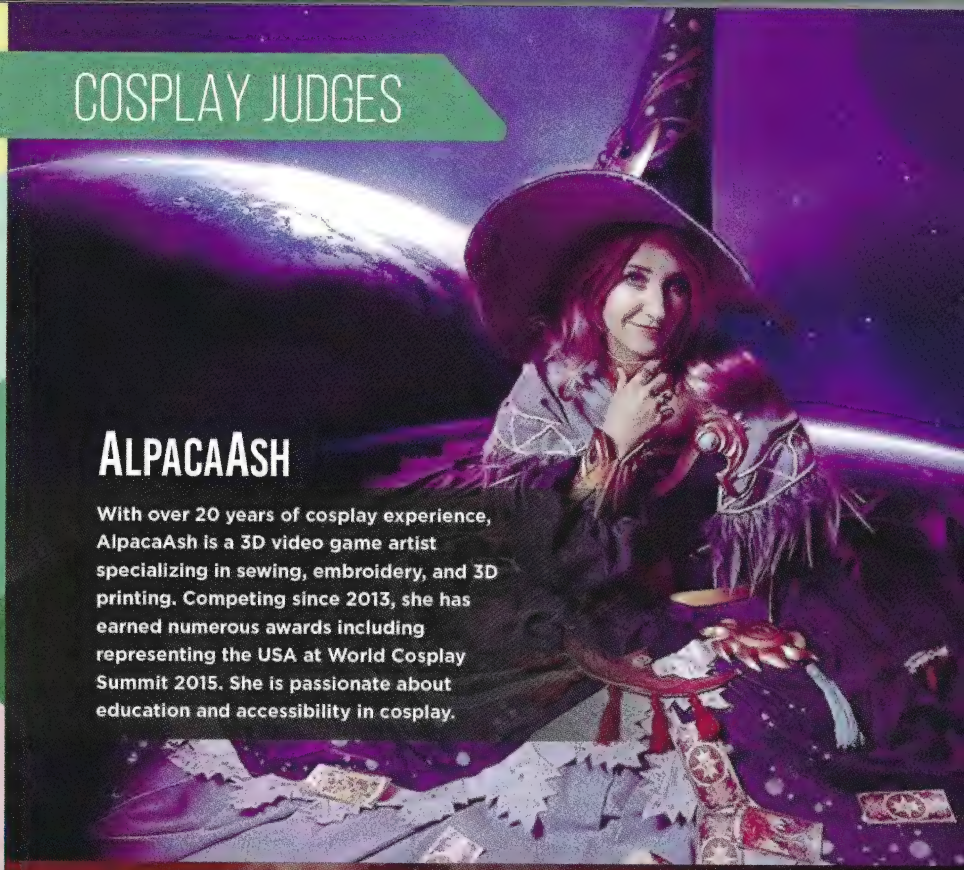
Alyson has shared many tutorials teaching other cosplayers how she transforms, styles wigs and makes her costumes from scratch. Her accessible methods show the community that anyone can participate in this incredible hobby.

TAIFU

Born in Girona, Taifu has been a cosplayer since 2013. The first time he participated in a cosplay contest was in the China Cosplay Super Show in 2015, where he won pairs. He was the first Spanish representative to win ECG.

In 2024, he obtained second place in the preliminary of the World Cosplay Summit at Maga Barcelona with his partner Isiliel.

COSPLAY JUDGES



AlpacaAsh

With over 20 years of cosplay experience, AlpacaAsh is a 3D video game artist specializing in sewing, embroidery, and 3D printing. Competing since 2013, she has earned numerous awards including representing the USA at World Cosplay Summit 2015. She is passionate about education and accessibility in cosplay.

PAPA BEAR COSPLAY

Chris "Papa Bear" English is a longtime cosplayer dedicated to positivity, education, inclusion, and community growth. A co-founder of Chicago P.O.C. Cosplayers, he has judged competitions worldwide for over a decade and been featured by SyFy and C2E2.

ALLIECAT

Allison of AllieCat Cosplay has created over 80 award-winning costumes since 2010. Known for wigs, armor, makeup, and fashion design, she has worked with Marvel, Capcom, WWE, and more while promoting creativity and positivity.

LINKELIZZY

Lizzy is a Dutch cosplayer active since 2012, focusing on craftsmanship and performance. She has represented her country in multiple international competitions and enjoys creating everything from detailed armor to elegant gowns.

K COSPLAY

K is an international award-winning cosplayer from Australia with over 25 years of experience and more than 400 costumes created. Their career highlight includes winning the World Cosplay Summit Grand

COSPLAY ACADEMY GUESTS

MALINDACHAN AND TURTLE SMITHY

An award-winning duo with over 20 years each in cosplay, specializing in sewing, wigs, armor, and props while educating worldwide.

PLEXI COSPLAY

Plexi is a Maryland-based cosplayer with a roster of competitive craftsmanship awards who educates cosplayers through tutorials, judging, blogging, hosting panels, and leading workshops at conventions.

HOKU PROPS

You may know the Hoku Props duo for their award winning Lionhardt cosplay. They are a huge advocate for inclusivity, and helping the cosplay community grow is a their passion.

Sammy has a degree in fashion and costume design, and has previously held a job in costuming at Disney.

Chad used his specialization in 3D to design armor, prop and customized awards for video game studios and craftsmanship competitions.

MELANIE JASMINE

Melanie is an award-winning cosplayer and Bernina Brand Ambassador known for complex sewing and nationwide cosplay education. She is committed to teaching at conventions nurturing a supportive network of makers nationwide.

MAYBEAN

Maybean is a Midwest mixed-media cosplayer based out of KCMO. Some of their goals are working towards safer and more eco-conscious crafting via repurposing and upcycling and putting on more panels and demos that encourage creativity and positivity.

SAMEERTIKKAMASALA

Sameertikkamasala is a pioneering cosplayer from India who has been cosplaying for over 15 years. He has also worked with some of the biggest industry companies designing and making costumes, props and sets, and more.

GLIZZY GREMLINS

The Glizzy Gremlins are the chaotic crafting duo @Abradorable and @Charmanda.cos from Florida. For over a decade this duo has specialized in foam armor and Monster Hunter builds, earning international awards and promoting shared knowledge.

BE MORE SHONEN

Minney and Nomes are a professional cosplay couple from the UK spreading positivity and making history with wigs and weights!

Minney is the anime fitness coach! He has overcome addictions by using anime and cosplay as fuel.

Nomes is the chief costume designer! She creates excellent costumes and Saiyan wigs that defy gravity.

GAMEROOM GUESTS

JUSTIN WONG

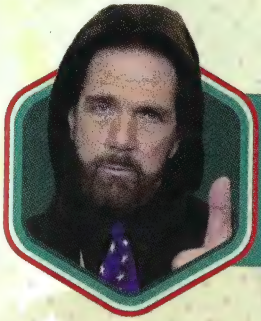
Justin Wong is a legendary professional fighting game player best known for his dominance in Street Fighter and Marvel vs. Capcom. Justin will be hanging out, playing fighting games, hosting events and making his own content in the game room. Let's go Justin!!

ROOFLEMONGER

Rooflemonger is a Canadian (sorry) FGC content creator known for his tutorials and meta breakdowns boasting a quarter million subscribers on YouTube! Rooflemonger will be spreading his Canadian (sad face emoji) joy across the Holmat game room.

BABERUTHLESS

Baberuthless is a fighting game content creator and cosplayer whose YouTube channel explores the history, cultural references, and unexpected inspirations behind fighting games and more.



BILLY MITCHELL

Billy Mitchell is an American arcade gamer best known for his early world-record scores in classics like Donkey Kong and Pac-Man, and his famous USA tie. He'll be hosting The King of Kong and Arcades & Love Songs late night watch parties in the game room.

PROTONJON

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CHUGGACONROY

THE RUNAWAY GUYS

The Runaway Guys are a collaborative gaming group trio known for their energetic let's plays and huge charity events. Their expansive gaming knowledge has earned them a long-standing, loyal fanbase on YouTube, Twitch and beyond. The trio will be at hanging at Holmat to host main stage gaming events, such as their famous Thrown Controllers, the Mario Party Party and more!

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SHOWCASE STAGE

FRIDAY

OPENING CEREMONIES	11 AM - 12 PM
BILLY MITCHELL VS DONKEY KONG	1 PM - 2 PM
MARIO PARTY JAMBOREE VS AUDIENCE	3 PM - 4 PM
THE DISTRUST GAME	5 PM - 6 PM
AVATAR LEGENDS: THE FIGHTING GAME EXHIBITION	7 PM - 8 PM
THE SEAT OF POWER	9 PM - 10 PM
KARAOKE: THE DARK SOULS OF HEARING	11 PM - 1 AM

FRIDAY

PUYO PUYO TETRIS [PS5] TOP 8 TOURNAMENT	1 PM - 3 PM
SONIC CROSSWORLDS [PS5] TOP 8 TOURNAMENT	1 PM - 5 PM
DANCERUSH STARDOM TOURNAMENT (OFF-STAGE)	2 PM - 5 PM
TEKKEN 8 [PS5] TOP 4 TOURNAMENT	3 PM - 7 PM
KIRBY AIR RIDERS [SWITCH 2] TOP 8 TOURNAMENT	5 PM - 10 PM
LOVE SONGS: THE BALLAD OF WALTER DAY	11 PM - 12 AM

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SATURDAY

BILLY MITCHELL VS PAC MAN	11 AM - 12 PM
FIGHT AN FGC LEGEND IN DIVEKICK	1 PM - 2 PM
THE JUSTIN WONG CHALLENGE GAUNTLET	3 PM - 4 PM
GAME GAUNTLET BOSS RUSH	5 PM - 6 PM
ROCK PAPER SCISSORS: BATTLE ROYALE	7 PM - 8 PM
THROWN CONTROLLERS	9 PM - 10 PM
KARAOKE: SINS OF THE ANIME CONVENTION GOER	11 PM - 1 AM

SUNDAY

BILLY MITCHELL VS MODERN GAMES	11 AM - 12 PM
GAME GAUNTLET BOSS RUSH II	1 PM - 2 PM
THE 60-PLAYER MARIO PARTY JAMBOREE	3 PM - 5 PM
KARAOKE: ENDING IT ALL LIVE ON TWITCH.TV	6 PM - 7 PM

COMMUNITY STAGE

SATURDAY

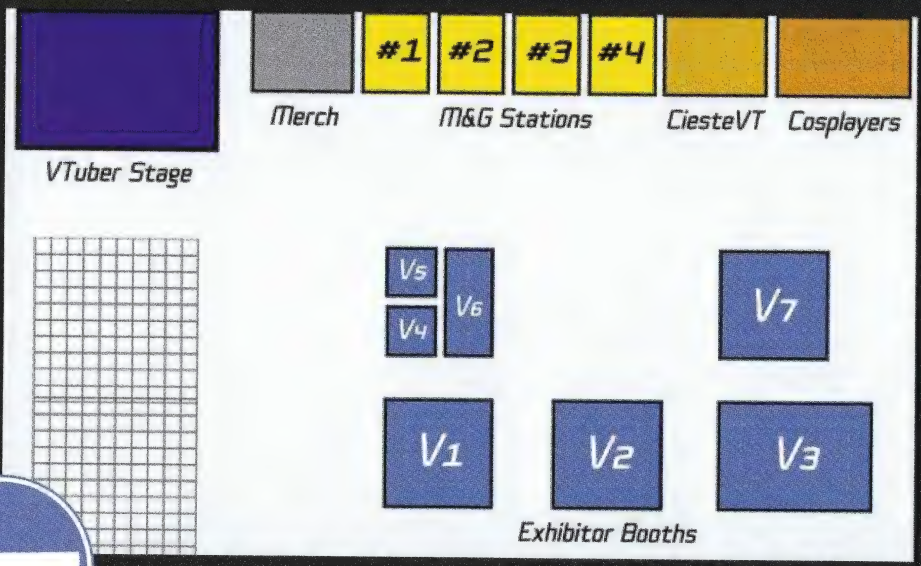
HALO MASTER CHIEF COLLECTION [XBX] LAN FEST	12 PM - 1 PM
POKEMON STADIUM 2 MINI-GAMES [SWITCH] TOP 4 TOURNAMENT	1 PM - 3 PM
MARIO KART WORLD [SWITCH 2] TOP 12 TOURNAMENT	1 PM - 5 PM
DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION A3 TOURNAMENT (OFF-STAGE)	2 PM - 5 PM
STREET FIGHTER 6 [PS5] TOP 4 TOURNAMENT	4 PM - 7 PM
2XKO [PC] TOP 6 TOURNAMENT	6 PM - 10 PM
THE KING OF KONG	6 PM - 10 PM

SUNDAY

BEYBLADE TOP 8 TOURNAMENT	11 AM - 1 PM
SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE [SWITCH] TOP 4 TOURNAMENT	11 AM - 3 PM
TAIKO NO TATSUJIN TOURNAMENT (OFF-STAGE)	3 PM - 5 PM
GUILTY GEAR ACCENT CORE +R TOURNAMENT [PC] (OFF-STAGE)	1 PM - 3 PM
BLITZ CHESS [PC] TOP 8 TOURNAMENT	3 PM - 5 PM

VIRTUAL EXPRESS

Virtual Express is stationed at Holiday Matsuri bringing you VTuber concerts, meet and greets, panels, and more all weekend long!



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INTERACTIVE VTUBER STREAMING APP

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Inbound for nonstop VTuber programming!

Ironmouse:

Demon Queen from hell who loves to sing, play games, and cause chaos!

Dokibird:

Known for her energetic and trickster-like personality.

Mint Fantôme:

Akihabara's resident ghost maid who loves all things moe and spooky!

Matara:

The beloved cockroach auntie fell from space and crawled straight into our hearts!

GEEGA:

Max-level MidBoss and alleged people eater streaming new releases, nostalgic games, and indie games.

DEN-ON-BU:

Tama Kurogane from the Azabu Area & Shian Inubousaki from the Harajuku area.

CiesteVT:

Vibrant VTuber group where virtual dreams shine brightest!

Idol Fest

Saturday Dec 20 | 2:00PM | Main Events

IdolFest is a concert style event that features Idols, Cosplay Dance Groups, and more with a focus on Japanese style idols, original idols, and cover performances from anime, games, or other 2D sources.

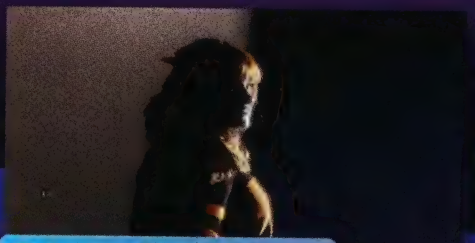
Stay after the show for a special Meet & Greet where fans can meet their favorite groups for autographs, merchandise, and photos.

Are you in need of a penlight for the show?
Visit the Holiday Matsuri Merch booth for special IdolFest merchandise!

SPECIAL GUESTS

Sally Amaki

PAiDA



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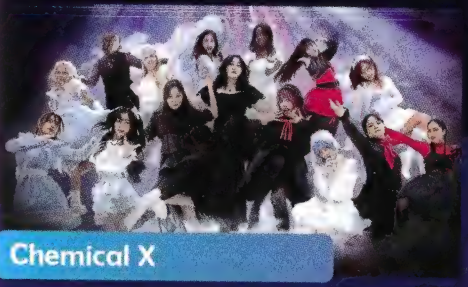

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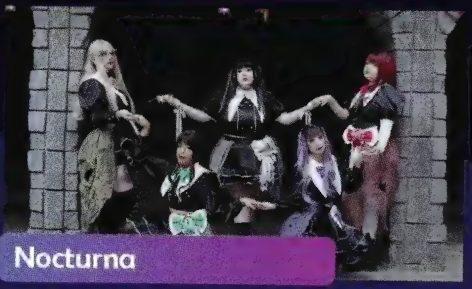

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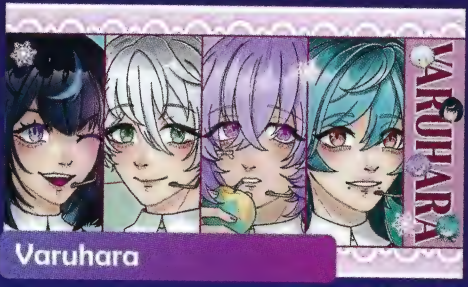

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Attend Creative
Cosplay & Costume Workshops
Taught by Expert Level &
Professional Cosplay Guests

Cosplay Academy

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K-POP DANCE COVER CONTEST

Friday Dec. 20
1:30 pm
Special Events

WCS
WORLD COSPLAY SUMMIT

Friday Dec 19 **5 PM**
Saturday Dec 20 **12 PM**
MAIN EVENTS

NCC Team USA
EXTREME COSPLAY GATHERING
HOLMAT COSPLAY PROGRAM
GICOF

Holiday Matsuri's own

Anime Prom

Benefit Ball 2025

Frosted Fairytale Edition

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20 5:30PM

HYATT WINDEMERE

Holiday Runway

WINTER THEMED COSPLAY SHOWCASE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21

1:30 PM MAIN EVENTS

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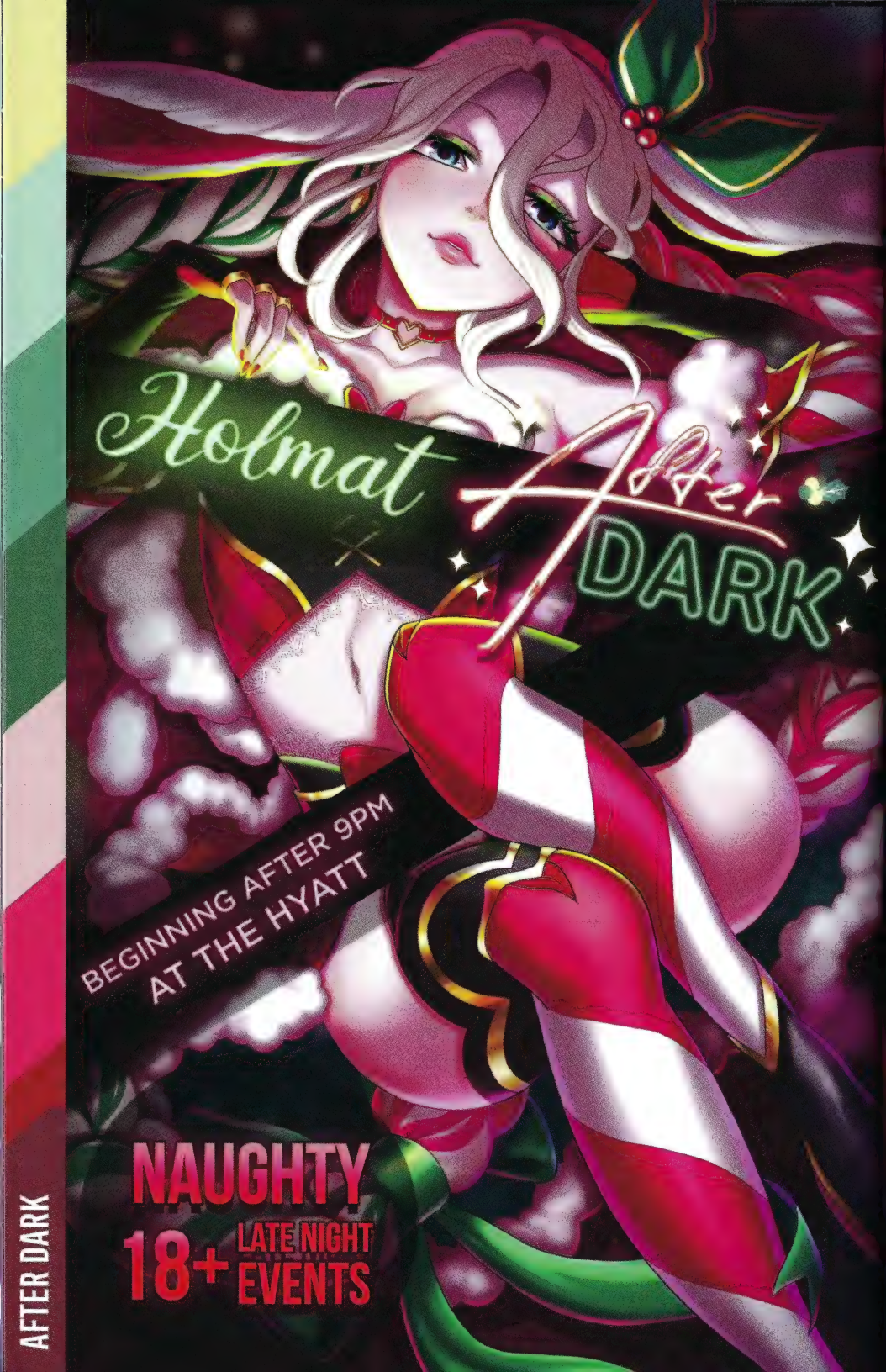
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EVENTS
AFTER DARK

COSPLAY DEVIANTS

18+ COSPLAY CONTEST

FRIDAY | 8PM
MAIN EVENTS

FRIDAY | 11PM
MAIN EVENTS

HOTTEST MEN IN ANIME

SATURDAY | 10PM
PANEL ROOM 9
FEATURING CRH

Peppermint PARLOR

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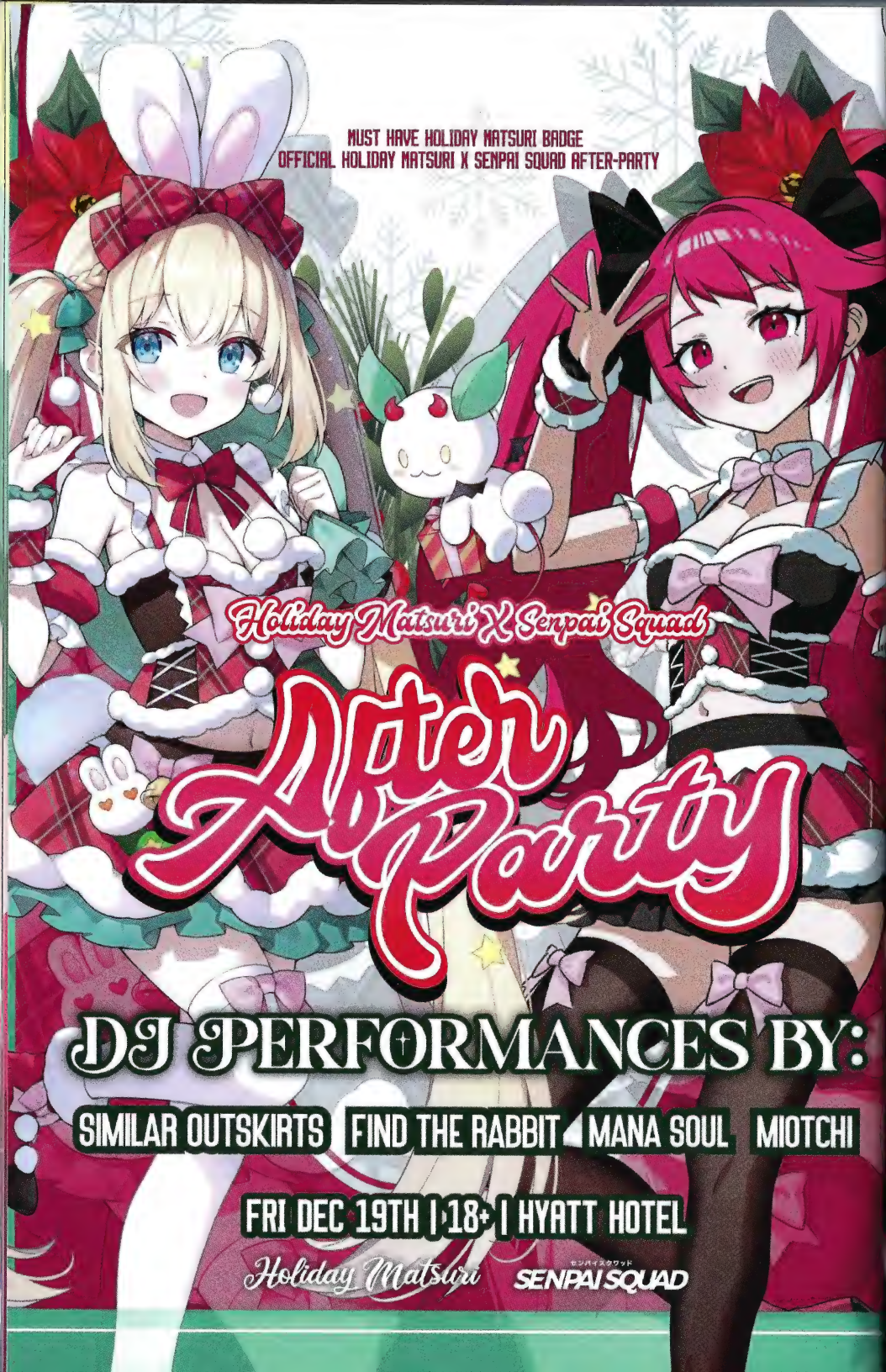
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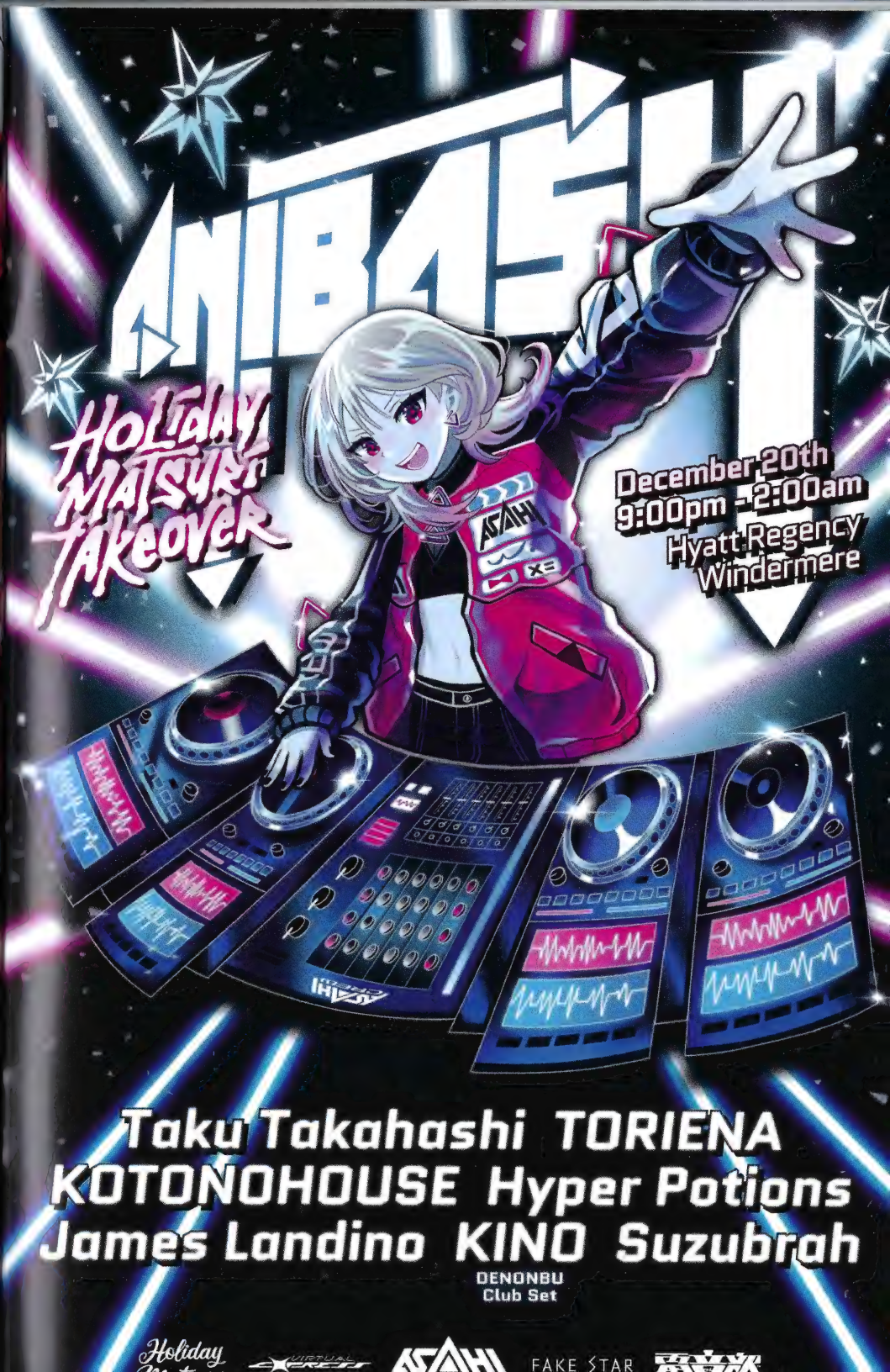
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HOLIDAY MATSURI TAKEOVER
December 20th
9:00pm - 2:00am
Hyatt Regency
Windermere
Taku Takahashi TORIENA
KOTONOHOUSE Hyper Potions
James Landino KINO Suzubrah
DENONBU
Club Set

HOLIDAY MATSURI

ERO COSPLAY CONTEST

DECEMBER 19TH 2025
ORLANDO, FL

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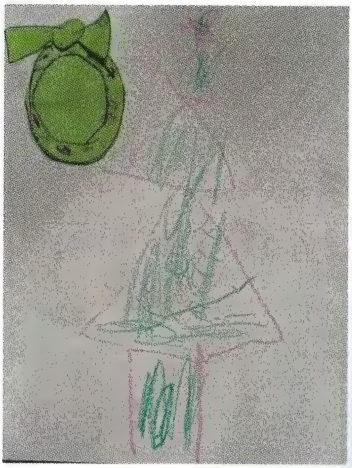

VASILIS EZA
Junior Director
Age 5

Dear HolMat Family,

It feels like an out of body experience to say that in 2026 I will have been cosplaying for 30 years. I don't really feel like I have been a cosplayer for three decades and I am convinced my work in the cosplay community is what is keeping me young (at heart, if not in body). 2026 will also be the 10th anniversary of my participation as World Cosplay Summit Team USA, so it does feel like a particularly full circle moment that this year we add the preliminaries of World Cosplay Summit USA to Holiday Matsuri's Winter Cosplay Championship - the largest collection of international cosplay qualifiers in the USA.

One person, however, cannot do everything for a department. When I joined this organization in 2021 the cosplay department at Holiday Matsuri was already well established as a foundational part of the show with an incredible team. I am also not sure if folks realize how many parts of the show a cosplay department connects to. I think of us as the Yggdrasil of the convention because our branches connect to almost everything at the show - guests, programming, interactive experiences, contests, and - most importantly - our attendees.

Since becoming the Director of Cosplay at Holiday Matsuri, my team, the Holiday Matsuri staff, and I have done our best to establish our own internal foundation and values: You are welcome here. Everybody and every BODY can cosplay. Diversity both in craft and individuality makes us a better community. If you are not including everyone, you are doing it wrong.

We want cosplayers to know that they can come to Holiday Matsuri and be celebrated.

The word 'Matsuri' means 'festival' but part of that festival celebration is to **honor** what is being celebrated. With that in mind, we want to do our best to honor members of our community and those who enjoy cosplay in any capacity, domestically and globally. To honor the connections cosplay, pop culture, and fandom creates around the world through our love of this media. Finally, our cosplay department tries to honor each special facet of our show - Our educators with our Cosplay Academy as a place to teach, our ever growing Cosplay Community Members by offering them a platform to connect with our attendees, our Cosplay Judges by inviting them to use their expertise to select our international cosplay representatives, our sponsors and industry collaborators by connecting them directly to the largest growing crafting community, and lastly, YOU, our attendees. We want to honor you by doing our best to have access to the best cosplay programming, prizing, guests, and experiences we can - both here at Holiday Matsuri and around the world with our growing network of convention partners.

The cosplay community should be a community that welcomes everyone. It is the cosplay department's privilege to continue creating the best possible cosplay experiences at what we hope to be the most welcoming event in the world here at Holiday Matsuri.

Diana Tolin
Director of Cosplay
Holiday Matsuri

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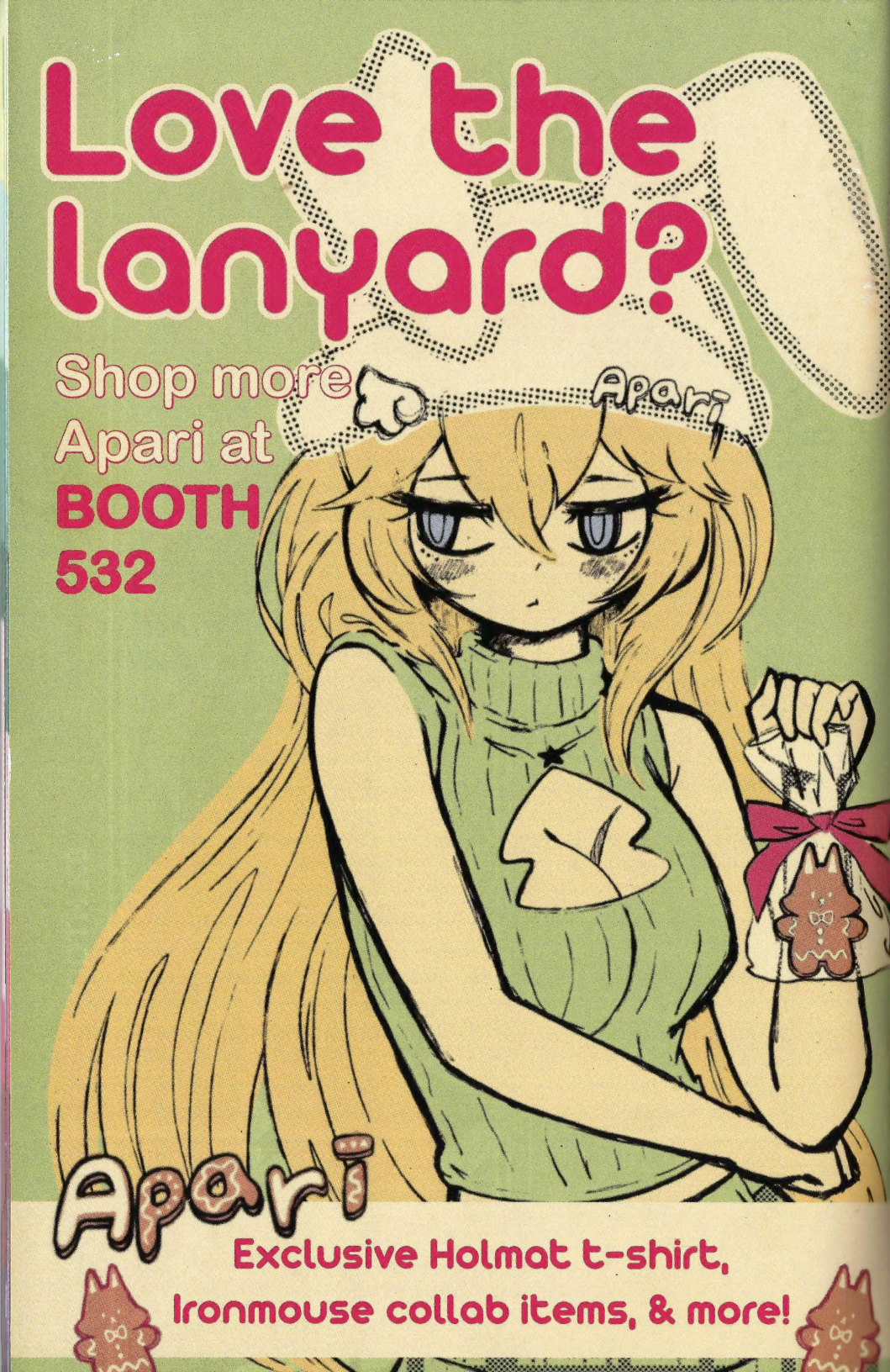
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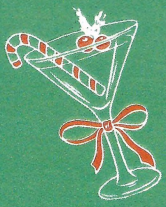

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